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I misspelled the address on my first mailing.
Very Sorry,
Terry

From: bearclaw@blackfoot.net
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 12:35 AM
To: coments-northern-helena@fs.fed.us
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ATTN: Kathy Bushnell

Good day Forester Weldon,

I live approximately eight miles West of Lincoln, very near the Blackfoot river. My parents and I started building our cabin and home in 1972. I have watched with interest and delight how "A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (THE BLACKFOOT)" has changed from an almost dead fishing river and an embarrassment to Montana to now having a "NATIONAL REPUTATION" as a "PRISTINE PREMIERE RIVER". This river has become not just a Montana Treasure it is a National Treasure.

The change has come from one of the most unique collaborations between diverse interests. Ranchers, sportsmen, environmentalists, industry, politicians, local state and federal agencies, etc came together to restore the Blackfoot River from mining damage and general neglect to its present glory. I hear that this "COLLABORATION MODEL" is unique and has also gained a National reputation. Praiseworthy amounts of brainpower, sweat, dedication and money have gone into

this restoration effort. The whole Blackfoot corridor almost shines.

SO! Now it is with SHOCK AND AMAZEMENT that I read about the plan to put the toxic waste from the Mike Horse Mine on the section 35 site in the Blackfoot River drainage. (When other options are available!)

Many knowledgeable people believe that the site selection has been made with a predetermined outcome for section 35. After the herculean effort that saved the Blackfoot River and develop its "NATIONAL REPUTATION" it seems "GOOFY" to subject our fine treasure to continued risk and another ENVIRONMENTAL- TOXIC MINING WASTE- "SCANDAL"! YES SCANDAL.

Everyone loses if section 35 is selected for the toxic mining waste. The publicity that this issue is generating will tarnish the veracity and judgment of the state and federal agencies involved. The river continues to be jeopardized and local residents are negatively impacted. The reputation of the mining industry will suffer. The river's reputation among sportsmen, recreationalists, tourist will be damaged and our beloved Montana gets another environmental black eye.

As you can tell I am dismayed that this option was selected. The "QUESTIONABLE SITE SELECTION PROCESS" is offensive and concerns me also. This situation demands your attention and action. The PROCESS appears to have been compromised and

or flawed from the beginning and then manipulated to support a predetermined course of action.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! HELP!

Revisit the site selection with an "INDEPENDENT REVIEW" or select a site which moves the toxic tailings out of the Blackfoot River drainage.

Respectfully,

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